

## **REMARKS**

Claims 57-78 remain in this application. Claims 57 and 75 have been amended. No claims have been added or cancelled. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

### **Specification**

- (1) The Examiner has objected to the abstract. Applicants have amended the abstract to overcome the objection and respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.
- (2) The Examiner has objected to Fig. 7, most notably block 760, and the specifications discussion thereof. While as previously submitted Applicants believe the original Fig. 7 and description thereof is sufficient, in order to expedite grant of the above-identified case, Applicants submit herewith a revised Fig. 7 and amendments to paragraphs of the description to comply with the Examiner's requirement. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure. See, for example, the paragraph beginning at line 22 on page 10, the paragraph beginning at line 17 on page 19, the paragraph beginning at line 29 on page 19, the paragraph beginning at line 24 on page 21, and the discussion at line 14 on page 22 through line 5 on page 24. Other portions of the original description further support the amendments. Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC Section 112**

The Examiner has rejected claims 57-67 and 75-78 under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, Second Paragraph. Claims 57 and 75 have been amended to overcome the reason for rejection, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

- (1) The Examiner has allowed claims 68-74.
- (2) The Examiner has also stated that claims 57-67 and 75-78 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, Second Paragraph, set forth in the Office Action. As discussed above, claims 57 and 75 have been amended to overcome the reason for rejection, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

### **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

### **Request For Telephone Interview**

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

### **Request For An Extension Of Time**

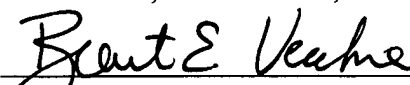
The Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.

### **Charge Our Deposit Account**

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**APPENDIX**

Replacement Sheet for Figure 7

**FIG. 7**

